

Agreement between the Government of the United States of  
America and the Government of the Republic of Liberia  
Regarding the Surrender of Persons  
to the International Criminal Court

The Government of the United States of America and the  
Government of the Republic of Liberia, hereinafter "the  
Parties,"

Reaffirming the importance of bringing to justice those  
who commit genocide, crimes against humanity and war  
crimes,

Recalling that the Rome Statute of the International  
Criminal Court done at Rome on July 17, 1998 by the United  
Nations Diplomatic Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the  
Establishment of an International Criminal Court is  
intended to complement and not supplant national criminal  
jurisdiction,


Considering that the Parties have each expressed their  
intention to investigate and to prosecute where appropriate  
acts within the jurisdiction of the International Criminal  
Court alleged to have been committed by their officials,  
employees, military personnel, or other nationals,

Bearing in mind Article 98 of the Rome Statute,

Hereby agree as follows:

1. For purposes of this agreement, "persons" are current or  
former Government officials, employees (including  
contractors), or military personnel or nationals of one  
Party.

2. Persons of one Party present in the territory of the  
other shall not, absent the express consent of the first  
Party,

- (a) be surrendered or transferred by any means to the  
International Criminal Court for any purpose, or
  - (b) be surrendered or transferred by any means to any  
other entity or third country for the purpose of  
surrender to or transfer to the International Criminal  
Court.
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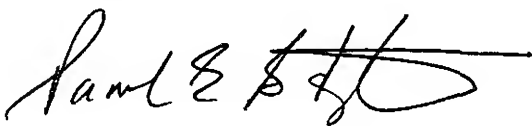
3. When the Government of the United States of America extradites, surrenders, or otherwise transfers a person of the Republic of Liberia to a third country, the Government of the United States of America will not agree to the surrender or transfer of that person to the International Criminal Court by the third country, absent the express consent of the Government of the Republic of Liberia.

4. When the Government of the Republic of Liberia extradites, surrenders, or otherwise transfers a person of the United States of America to a third country, the Government of the Republic of Liberia will not agree to the surrender or transfer of that person to the International Criminal Court by a third country absent the express consent of the Government of the United States of America.

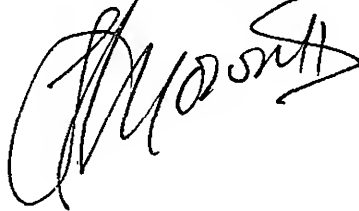
5. This Agreement shall enter into force upon an exchange of notes confirming that each Party has completed the necessary domestic legal requirements to bring the Agreement into force. It will remain in force until one year after the date on which one Party notifies the other of its intent to terminate this Agreement. The provisions of this Agreement shall continue to apply with respect to any act occurring, or any allegation arising, before the effective date of termination.

Done at Washington this eighth day of October, 2003, in duplicate, in the English language.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul E. B. H.", written over a horizontal line.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE  
REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. M. M.", written over a horizontal line.